

# English Toolkit: Indicator 3.3.2

## Goal 3.0 Controlling Language

Expectation 3.3 The student will use capitalization, punctuation, and correct spelling appropriately.

Indicator 3.3.2 The student will use available resources to correct or confirm revisions and/or editorial choices.

### Assessment Limits:

Using a resource for all punctuation or capitalization skills not internalized or for rules that may be in flux Using a resource for standard English usage

- agreement of subject and verb
- agreement of pronoun and antecedent
- clear pronoun reference
- appropriate case of nouns and pronouns
- appropriate and consistent verb tenses

Using a resource to apply other common rules of language usage that are grade appropriate

Using a resource for standard English in place of nonstandard English and slang

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## Public Release #1 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2005

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: Carry On, Pigeons!

Mariah is interested in carrier pigeons and decides to write an essay about them. The draft of Mariah's essay requires revisions and edits. Read the draft, and answer the following question.

Read this rule from a language handbook.

Do not change verbs unnecessarily from one tense to another.

Read this sentence from Mariah's essay.

The officers gradually increase the distance, and eventually the pigeons can fly as far as 310 miles, stop for a meal of wheat and millet, and then returned to their homes.

What is the correct way to write the underlined verbs?

- A. fly...stop...return
- B. fly...stopped...return
- C. fly...stopped...returned
- D. Best as it is

## Public Release #2 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2006

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: Irish Sports

After reading literature from around the world, students researched their own family backgrounds. One student, Shelli, decided to research her Irish heritage and learned that some Irish sports are popular in the United States. The draft of Shelli's essay, "Irish Sports," requires revisions and edits. Read the draft. Then answer the following.

Shelli found the information below in a language handbook.

Use a colon

- to mean "note what follows"
- before a list of items when the list does not immediately follow a verb

Which sentence in Shelli's draft should be edited using this rule?

- A. Sentence 4
- B. Sentence 6
- C. Sentence 8
- D. Sentence 12

## Public Release #3 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2007

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: Oh, Say Can You See

Terry is writing about the War of 1812 and the origin of the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The draft of the first part of Terry's essay, "Oh, Say Can You See," requires revisions and edits. Read the draft. Then answer the following:

Terry found this information in a language handbook.

Periods and commas are placed inside quotation marks: *Sally decided to recite the poem "Birches," but Stan chose to memorize "The Raven."*

According to this information, what is the correct way to edit Sentence 11?

- A. Originally titled "The Defense of Fort McHenry," the poem soon became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- B. Originally titled "The Defense of Fort McHenry", the poem soon became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner".
- C. Originally titled "The Defense of Fort McHenry", the poem soon became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- D. Best as it is

## Sample Assessment #1 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2002

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: Smithville Beach

Sandra wrote a paragraph describing her favorite place, "Smithville Beach." Read the paragraph. Then answer the following:

Sandra reviewed these punctuation rules in a language handbook before editing Sentence 2.

Use a comma

1. between two or more adjectives that equally modify the same word.
2. to set off most introductory elements.
3. to set off parenthetical expressions (*fortunately, in other words, all things considered*).
4. to separate main clauses linked by a coordinating conjunction (*for, and, so, but, nor, yet*).

Then Sandra edited Sentence 2 to read as follows:

According to a recent survey, this resort is the most popular beach on the Atlantic Coast.

Which rule did Sandra use to edit Sentence 2?

- Rule 1
- Rule 2
- Rule 3
- Rule 4

## Sample Assessment #2 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2003

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: Women Nobel Prize Winners

For her social studies class, Bettina wrote a short report about women who have won the Nobel Peace Prize. Read the introductory paragraph of Bettina's report, "Women Nobel Prize Winners.". Then answer the following.

Bettina reviewed these rules in a language handbook before editing Sentence 10.

Use a comma

- *before and, but, or, nor, for, so, and yet* when they link main clauses.
- following introductory elements (*later, on the other hand*).
- to set off parenthetical elements (*on the other hand, in fact, therefore*).
- between items in a series (*bacon, eggs, and toast*).

Then Bettina edited Sentence 10 to read as follows:

All campaigned against war, opposed violence, or fought for human rights.

Did Bettina make an appropriate edit?

- A. yes, because the commas link main clauses
- B. yes, because the commas follow introductory elements
- C. yes, because the commas set off parenthetical elements
- D. yes, because the commas separate items in a series

### Sample Assessment #3 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2002

English Indicator 3.3.2

Handout(s):

- English Resource: Tenzing Norgay, Mountain Climber

Read the draft of Michael's report: "Tenzing Norgay, Mountain Climber." Then answer the following:

Michael found these suggestions for writing effective sentences in a language handbook.

1. Use planned repetition of ideas.
2. Use strong verbs.
3. Eliminate unneeded repetition.
4. Sequence elements in a series for greater emphasis.

He then combined the ideas in Sentences 13 and 14.

He devoted his entire life to his goal of reaching the top of Mt. Everest.

Which suggestion did Michael follow?

- A. Suggestion 1
- B. Suggestion 2
- C. Suggestion 3
- D. Suggestion 4

## Handouts

## Carry On, Pigeons!

<sup>1</sup>You have probably seen pigeons pecking for peanuts in the park and thought they were very ordinary. <sup>2</sup>The ancient Greeks used these carrier pigeons to send news about the Olympic games. <sup>3</sup>For centuries, armies have used pigeons to send news to and from the front lines where the battles were taking place. <sup>4</sup>Now, a hospital on the Northwest coast of France uses a flock of forty pigeons to carry tiny samples of human blood to larger testing facilities. <sup>5</sup>There is also a police department in Orissa, India, that still uses the birds.

<sup>6</sup>In Orissa there are 27 police pigeon cages, called lofts, where the officers care for the birds. <sup>7</sup>When the pigeons are about six weeks old, they are taken a short distance from their lofts and allowed to find their way home. <sup>8</sup>This is how their training begins. <sup>9</sup>The officers gradually increase the distance, and eventually the pigeons can fly as far as 310 miles, stop for a meal of wheat and millet, and then returned to their homes. <sup>10</sup>In good weather conditions, the pigeons fly as fast as fifty-five miles per hour. <sup>11</sup>The message a pigeon carries is in a tiny plastic capsule that is attached to its leg.

## Irish Sports

<sup>1</sup>You don't have to fly all the way to Ireland to watch or play Irish sports. <sup>2</sup>There is an Irish sporting club called the Gaels nearby in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. <sup>3</sup>This club was founded in 1988 and is part of the Gaelic athletic association, which has its headquarters in Dublin. <sup>4</sup>The club sponsors the following three sports, a men's football team, a women's football team, and a Camogie team.

<sup>5</sup>Gaelic football is the most popular sport in Ireland, played by approximately 250,000 people. <sup>6</sup>It is played on a pitch (or field) larger than a soccer field with a round ball that is slightly smaller than a soccer ball. <sup>7</sup>The game moves fast since there are no time-outs. <sup>8</sup>Scores are made when the players pass the ball and then kick it through a soccer-type net or through American football-like goal posts.

<sup>9</sup>Camogie is also known as Hurling and is one of the fastest field games in the world. <sup>10</sup>It is one of the oldest Irish sports. <sup>11</sup>It is played with a small ball called a sliothar, which is similar in size to a baseball, and a curved wooden stick called a hurley.

<sup>12</sup>The three teams of the D.C. Gaels have become quite international, with members from the United States, France, England, South Africa—and of course, Ireland. <sup>13</sup>They have already won many titles. <sup>14</sup>In fact, the women's football team has made it to the national semi-finals twice. <sup>15</sup>This must be what is known as the luck of the Irish.

## Oh, Say Can You See

<sup>1</sup>After the American Revolution, America and Great Britain fought a second war known as the War of 1812. <sup>2</sup>When British troops occupied Washington, D.C., in 1814, they arrested Dr. William Beanes of Maryland and imprisoned him on a British warship in the Chesapeake Bay. <sup>3</sup>Friends of the doctor asked Francis Scott Key, a lawyer, and John Skinner of Baltimore to try to secure the doctor's release.

<sup>4</sup>Key and Skinner successfully reached the British fleet and negotiated Beanes' release. <sup>5</sup>Before they could head home, however, the British suddenly detained them aboard a truce ship. <sup>6</sup>The British fleet was about to begin its assault on Fort McHenry a fort guarding the entrance to the harbor of Baltimore.

<sup>7</sup>Key watched from the truce ship in the bay as British warships bombarded the fort throughout the afternoon and night. <sup>8</sup>The Americans managed to defend the fort. <sup>9</sup>On the following morning, they raised a large United States flag on the fort's 90-foot flagpole.

<sup>10</sup>Key was so inspired by the sight that he composed a poem on the back of a letter he had in his pocket.

<sup>11</sup>Originally titled "The Defense of Fort McHenry," the poem soon became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner". <sup>12</sup>The poem was set to music in 1814 and became a patriotic song.

<sup>13</sup>It did not become America's national anthem until 1931.



## Smithville Beach

<sup>1</sup>A visit to Smithville Beach is sure to be a delightful summer vacation. <sup>2</sup>According to a recent survey this resort is the most popular beach on the Atlantic Coast. <sup>3</sup>Visitors enjoy the many sights, sounds, and smells. <sup>4</sup>Floating through the salty air, you'll be greeted by sounds of laughter and happy shouts. <sup>5</sup>Expect to see sights like a brightly colored plastic ball flying by and then landing on the sand, kicking up a fine spray of clean, white sand. <sup>6</sup>From the concession stands along the boardwalk, the aroma of fries and cotton candy drifts out. <sup>7</sup>Hundreds of colorful blankets, toys, coolers, and picnic baskets dot the sand. <sup>8</sup>The white and gray surf pounds the shore. <sup>9</sup>The surf sends seagulls and children running. <sup>10</sup>Surfers enjoy the waves. <sup>11</sup>Smithville Beach is a wonderful place where all kinds of things happen.

## Women Nobel Prize Winners

<sup>1</sup>The Nobel Peace Prize was established in 1896 in Alfred Nobel's will. <sup>2</sup>He was the inventor of dynamite and wanted to award the prize to the person who accomplished the most to promote peace. <sup>3</sup>In the history of the Nobel Peace Prize, few have gone to women. <sup>4</sup>The first woman to receive the prize was the Baroness Bertha von Suttner. <sup>5</sup>Her anti-war novel *Lay Down Your Arms* had a tremendous impact on those who read it. <sup>6</sup>As a peace activist, the Baroness had an impact on Alfred Nobel's thinking and influenced him to establish the prize. <sup>7</sup>The Peace Prize is given to persons who help create peace in the world. <sup>8</sup>Other women who have won the Peace Prize represent different nationalities and different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. <sup>9</sup>The women who have won the Peace Prize are similar in several ways. <sup>10</sup>All campaigned against war opposed violence or fought for human rights. <sup>11</sup>These women worked hard for their beliefs and displayed remarkable courage.

## Tenzing Norgay, Mountain Climber

<sup>1</sup>Tenzing Norgay, a humble man from India, became famous as a member of the first team to reach the peak of Mt. Everest, Earth's highest mountain. <sup>2</sup>His accomplishments in mountain climbing and his attitude toward life brought him glory.

<sup>3</sup>Young Tenzing Norgay always believed he would have special luck and great achievement. <sup>4</sup>In 1932 he became a carrier for mountain climbers in India. <sup>5</sup>He climbed other mountains, but he remained focused on Everest.

<sup>6</sup>His famous climb occurred in 1953. <sup>7</sup>He made the climb with Sir Edmund Hillary, a beekeeper from New Zealand with a whole bunch of climbing experience. <sup>8</sup>The two men had great confidence in each other; however, this made them a strong team. <sup>9</sup>During the climb, they had to cross a river, navigate an icefall, and cut steps in the snow in order to reach the peak. <sup>10</sup>They wore eight layers of clothing and three pairs of gloves all at the same time.

<sup>11</sup>The team reached the 29,028-foot peak on May 29, 1953, two months after they started their trek.

<sup>12</sup>Tenzing Norgay became a role model for those striving to rise above humble beginnings. <sup>13</sup>His goal in life was to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. <sup>14</sup>He devoted his entire life to this goal. <sup>15</sup>His approach to life served as an inspiration to many other people, including his own son, who later climbed Mt. Everest also.

## English Indicator 3.3.2

### Answer Key

Public Release Item #1 - Selected Response (SR) - 2005

A. fly...stop...return

Public Release Item #2 - Selected Response (SR) - 2006

A. Sentence 4

Public Release Item #3 - Selected Response (SR) - 2007

A. Originally titled "The Defense of Fort McHenry," the poem soon became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Sample Assessment Item #7 - Selected Response (SR) - 2002

B. Rule 2

Sample Assessment Item #8 - Selected Response (SR) - 2003

D. yes, because the commas separate items in a series

Sample Assessment Item #9 - Selected Response (SR) - 2002

C. Suggestion 3